

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**NOACA Board of Directors
September 13, 2019**



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AGENDA PRIORITIES & STATUS

- Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Communications & Outreach
- Legislative & Funding Issues
- Overall Work Program (OWP)



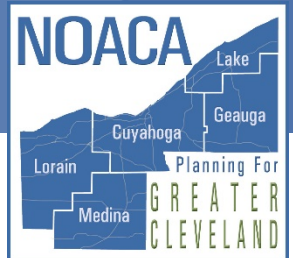
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



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Great Lakes Hyperloop Corridor

- NOACA presented to Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) in Ohio, Chicago and Pittsburgh
- Met with officials in South Bend, IN
- Stakeholder engagement meetings will take place in September/October
- HyperloopTT hosted tour to U.S. DOT representatives in Toulouse, France
- Cleveland Port Authority was added to the Hyperloop Technical Advisory Committee.



COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

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NOACA in the News

***US DOT awards \$9 million for Irishtown Bend stabilization;
NOACA commits another \$3.5 million***

cleveland.com, July 22

Ideastream

News5cleveland.com

cleveland19.com

ClevelandPatch

- US DOT awarded NOACA a \$9.02 million INFRA grant for the Irishtown Bend restoration project
- Award was announced by U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao at a press conference July 25
- NOACA is contributing \$3.5 million in local match



COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

NOACA in the News

Chester Avenue traffic light project could mean shorter commutes as early as September
cleveland.com, July 3

New synchronized traffic lights to be installed on Chester Avenue in Cleveland
cleveland19.com, July 6



- NOACA STOP: 66 signals being optimized on Chester Avenue, Euclid Avenue and other intersections in University Circle
- \$530,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding
- Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish mentioned the STOP as a component of his plan to combat climate change



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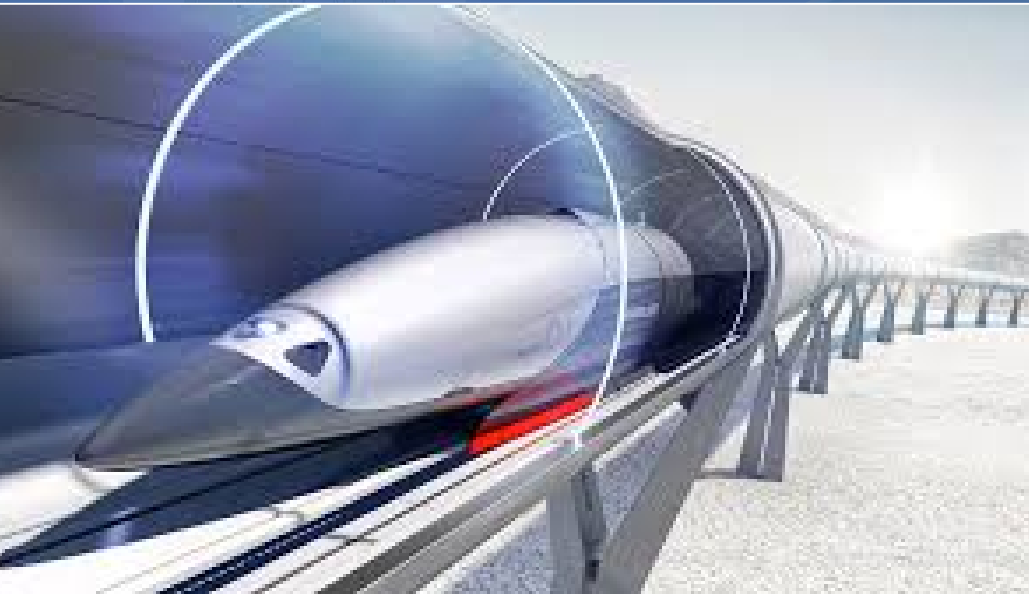
NOACA in the News

Early Funding for Chicago-Cleveland Hyperloop passes U.S. House

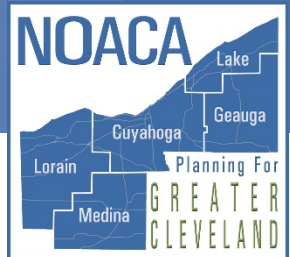
Curbed Chicago, July 3

From Cleveland to Chicago in 28 Minutes – Hyperloop is closer to reality

Fox8news.com, July 9



- U.S House of Representatives earmarked \$5 M for U.S. DOT to:
 - Develop safety & environmental standards for hyperloop projects
 - Identify regulatory gaps
- Would open Great Lakes Hyperloop Corridor for future federal funding



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NOACA in the News

Ceremony celebrates Cuyahoga River's journey from shame to pride 50 years after fire on water

cleveland.com, June 22

- NOACA participated in Cuyahoga50, the celebration for the 50th anniversary of the 1969 fire on the river that inspired the Clean Water Act
- The event served as the official opening for a new \$20 million sewer pump station at Settler's Landing
- Ground was also broken for Stage IV of the Towpath Trail, which will complete the Cleveland portion of the trail from Literary Road into the Flats



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NOACA in the News

Air Quality Advisory issued for multiple Northeast Ohio counties

News5cleveland, July 14

cleveland19.com, July 14

- NOACA issued air quality advisories for the region during the week of July 14 – 20, when temperatures stayed in the 90s with a heat index of nearly 100 degrees
- Ozone levels were predicted to be unhealthy for sensitive groups



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NOACA TLCI Projects in the News

Shaker starts engineering work on improvements to Warrensville –Shaker intersection

cleveland.com, July 16

- Seven-legged intersection at Warrensville Center and Shaker Boulevard will be reduced to five legs, and Warrensville Center Road narrowed
- Right-hand turn lanes will be removed
- Crosswalk lengths will be shortened
- NOACA awarded project a \$200,000 TLCI implementation grant



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NOACA TLCI Projects in the News

Infrastructure improvements in the works in Bay Village

Morning Journal, July 22

- Bay Village received an ODOT grant to replace a bridge; project scope includes a bike lane, bench and more green space
- A second grant will help the city develop trails from the southern part of Cahooh Park to Lake Erie
- These projects stem from recommendations in a 2017 NOACA-led TLCI connectivity study for Cahooh Park to improve bicycle and pedestrian access and interconnections with the Metroparks



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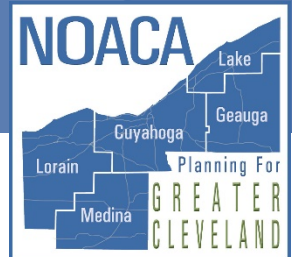
NOACA TLCI Projects in the News

Fairview Park's Lorain Road corridor study calls for lane reduction on busy thoroughfare

cleveland.com, July 29



- NOACA and City of Fairview Park unveiled recommendations for the Lorain Road corridor
 - Road diet to reduce the number of lanes between W. 210 St. and W. 220 St.
 - Single lane in each direction with a center turn lane
 - An option for parking on both sides of the street and another with parking on one side with added bike lanes
- NOACA awarded the city an \$80,000 TLCI grant for the study



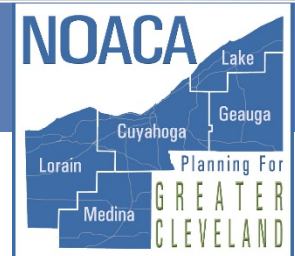
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NOACA TLCI Projects in the News

Cleveland's "Vision for the Valley" seeks answers to conflicts on land, water use along Cuyahoga River

cleveland.com, August 28

- The City of Cleveland is launching a 10-month planning process called "Vision for the Valley" to create a vision to connect amenities in the northern section of the Cuyahoga Valley
- Plan will look for solutions to conflicting activities on land and water along the Cuyahoga River
- Public meetings held last week & upcoming at Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit on Oct. 16
- Project received a \$125,000 NOACA TLCI planning grant



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NOACA in the News

Bicyclists across Greater Cleveland remain uneasy about sharing the road with cars

cleveland.com – July 25

- People feel unsafe bicycling on the road with automobile traffic
- One solution : protected bicycle lanes
 - Detroit Superior Bridge
 - Lakefront Bikeway
- “NOACA and City of Cleveland created the Midway project, which could eventually create entirely protected bicycle lanes on roadways such as Superior Avenue that have excess space where streetcars once existed.”
- Bicyclists can use NOACA county bike maps, which identify the streets to use if you are a beginner, intermediate or expert rider



COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Recent Speaking Engagements

The Cleveland City Club – “City Circulation: Cleveland’s New Mobility Conversation”

- Friday, July 26, 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.
- Grace Gallucci was part of panel discussion

“Weighing in on the Future of Freight”

- Ohio Conference on Freight, August 7-9, 2019 at the Westin Cleveland Downtown



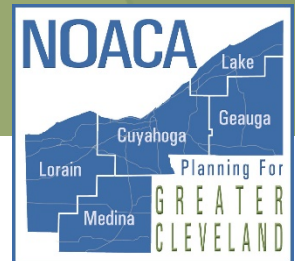
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U.S. House approves \$5 M for future Hyperloop planning oversight

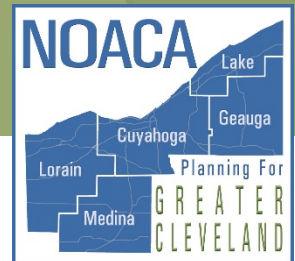
- Transportation/HUD funding bill earmarked \$5M to create a regulatory framework within U.S. DOT for hyperloop projects (June 27th).
- Demonstrates that Congress recognizes the role hyperloop will play in the nation's future transportation system
- Funds develops safety and environmental standards for hyperloop projects
- U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur (OH-09) worked on the legislation to secure this funding



LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING ISSUES

INFRA Grant Application – Irishtown Bend

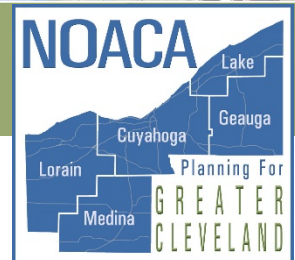
- NOACA received grant award from U.S. Department of Transportation for \$9.02 M
- Grace Gallucci attended award ceremony in Washington D.C. on 7/25 and met with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao
- USDOT received 200 application requests totaling \$9.8 million and only 20 applications were awarded funding



LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING ISSUES

TLCI Application Round Underway

- The TLCI Program has two components:
 - Planning studies up to \$500,000
 - Implementation projects at least \$1.5 million
- NOACA is soliciting applications for its Planning Study program that promote regional benefit. Applications for planning studies that do not provide a larger regional benefit will not be considered eligible. Examples of studies that provide a regional benefit:
 - Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study
 - Regional Metro Parks Trails/Transportation Connections Study
 - Regional Lakefront Transportation Connections Study
- Application deadline: October 11 at noon
- NOACA will host an applicant workshop on September 17
- Applications and details: noaca.org/TLCI



OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)



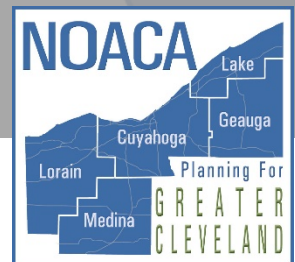
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

Commuter Choice Awards – October 16

- Awards recognize employers who encourage employees to choose alternatives to drive-alone commutes
- Partnership of NOACA, Sustainable Cleveland, GCRTA and Laketran
- Employers' participation in the Clean Air Challenge, held in August, will boost scores
- 2019 winners to be announced at Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit on October 16



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**Commuter
Choice Awards**

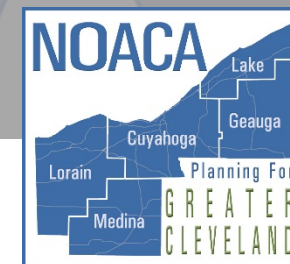


OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

Final ITS Architecture Workshop held
August 28 at NOACA



- ITS Architecture is a framework describing how data is collected and shared among end-users to make travel safer and more efficient
- ITS Architecture and ITS Strategic Plan draft plans can be found on the project website
- Final opportunity for input on the recommendations for identifying and prioritizing future ITS improvements for the region

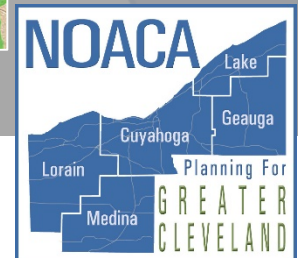


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NOACA Street Supplies transportation materials library

Over the past year:

NOACA worked with communities in the region to coordinate 3 temporary transportation projects this Summer using Street Supplies materials



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NEORS D 2020 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROPOSAL

- PHASE I (ROOF) \$360,000
 - One-story building green roof
 - Three-story building runoff capture
- PHASE II (BUILDING) \$350,000
 - Green roof carports
 - Permeable parking aisle
- PHASE III (WALL) \$95,000
 - One-story green wall (east)
 - Three-story mural (east and north)



OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

2019 Capital Program Accomplishments

Projects awarded to contract

- 17 miles of roadway improvements
- 1 Signal upgrade
- 32 transit vehicles replaced
- 4 miles of new bicycle facilities
- 1 Trailhead
- 1 Pedestrian Bridge
- 4 Streetscapes
- 9 TLCI Implementation projects



PRIOR BOARD MEETING FOLLOW-UP



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Question: Can staff provide statistical information about where TRAC funding has gone over the past 5 – 10 years?

-County Executive Armond Budish

Answer:

Staff is actively working on this request, including a detailed analysis of the \$1.5 billion Turnpike bond revenue committed through the TRAC.

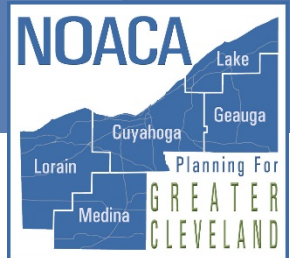
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NOACA receives WTS 2020 Innovative Transportation Solutions Award



- Awards recognize a transportation initiative, solution, project or policy and the women involved from initiation to completion
- Awarded for NOACA Asset Management Program
- Awards given to NOACA, Grace Gallucci and Kathy Sarli



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September volunteer bike/ped counts:

- September 10-12

Bike to Work day:

- September 28

LTAP Designing for Pedestrian Safety NHI course:

- September 11 (ODOT D-12 Garfield Heights)



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Vibrant NEO Champion Awards Call for Entries

- *Deadline October 1st*

CALL FOR ENTRIES!



Vibrant NEO Champion Awards

NOVEMBER 14, 2019, 11:30AM - 2:00PM @ CSU

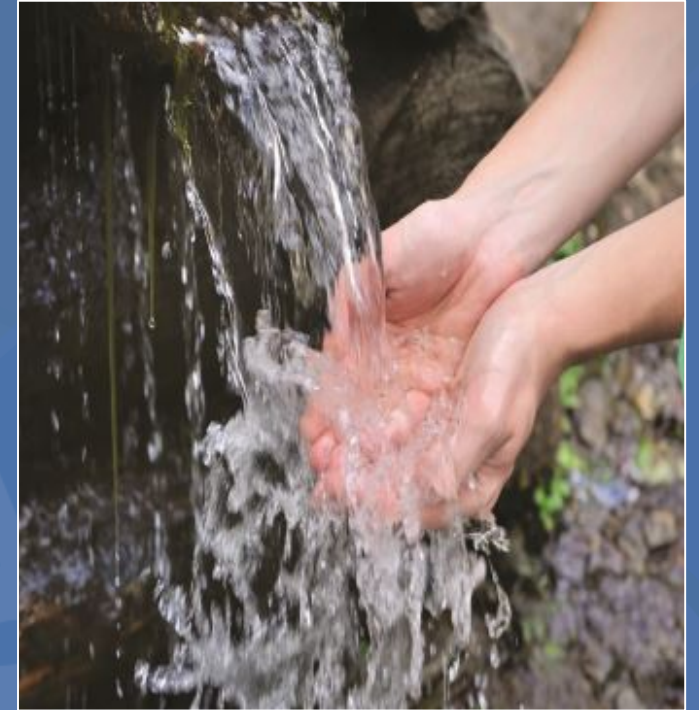
Do you know a project, program or policy that promotes a more equitable, sustainable and economically successful Northeast Ohio? Click this image to submit a Champion Award nomination by October 1st.



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Water Quality Management 208 Plan Public Meetings

- Regional wastewater plan for NOACA's five counties
- The plan is a requirement under Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act
- Public meetings scheduled in all five counties:
 - Lake County – September 17, 7 p.m.
 - Geauga County – September 18, 6 p.m.
 - Medina County – September 25, 6 p.m.
 - Lorain County – September 30, 6:30 p.m.
 - Cuyahoga County – October 1, 7 p.m.



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ODOT Access Ohio 2045 Public Meeting

- Ohio's long-range transportation plan to guide policies and investment strategies for the next 20 years
- October 10, 2019, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Hosted at the NOACA Office
- Sign up for updates at:
https://odot.formstack.com/forms/ao45_email_signup



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Next Board of Directors meeting:
December 13, 2019, 9 a.m.

RSVP to Amy at astacy@mpo.noaca.org



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Upcoming Events

- NOACA Annual Meeting, September 13, 2019
- Global Center for Health Innovation
- Keynote Speaker: Mark Jennings-Bates, SkyDriving Aviation

Topic: “The Era of the Jetsons: The Future of Flying Cars”





NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.